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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No. 10/517,139

Examiner: Johnny H. HOANG

Filed: December 7, 2004

Atty. Docket No.: 059243.00010

For: DEVICE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING EXHAUST GAS SENSOR TEMPERATURE, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR EXHAUST GAS SENSOR TEMPERATURE CONTROL PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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February 14, 2008

Sir:

The Office Action dated January 24, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of January 24, 2008 presented a restriction requirement, requiring election between one of the following ten (10) inventions:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-4, 39-42, and 77-80;

Invention II, recited in claims 5-7, 43-45, and 81-83;

Invention III, recited in claims 8-9, 46-47, and 84-85;

Invention IV, recited in claims 10, 48, and 86;

Invention V, recited in claims 11-17, 49-55, and 87-93;

Invention VI, recited in claims 18-20, 56-59, and 94-97;

Invention VII, recited in claims 22-24, 60-62, and 98-100;

Invention VIII, recited in claims 25-26, 63-64, and 101-102;

Invention IX, recited in claims 27, 65, and 103;

and

Invention X, recited in claims 28-38, 66-76, and 104-114.

Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-4, 39-42, and 77-80. Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Choi', is written over a horizontal line.

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